#### **POLICY**

It is the policy of the Michigan Department of Human Services Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ) that students in the BJJ School District have a transition referral form completed on the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) and a paper copy retained in the youth's file.

## **PURPOSE**

This policy ensures youths receive an education emphasizing services designed to meet their unique needs and prepares them for post school activities.

## **DEFINITIONS**

See JRG, JJ Residential Glossary.

# RESPONSIBLE STAFF

Designated in the facility standard operating procedure.

#### **PROCEDURE**

Each facility providing on-site educational services is required to develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOP's) relating to transition services. At a minimum, these SOPs must contain the following requirements:

#### Orientation

Following admission, document the youth's MRS initial orientation in the youth's case notes using the JJIS case note form.

**Note:** In the field entitled "Type," use the drop down menu and select "MRS Orientation."

One MRS initial orientation is required for each admission to a facility.

If the youth received an MRS initial orientation within the preceding twelve (12) months, this step can be omitted.

# **Transition Referral**

Within six (6) months of a youth's anticipated release date, complete a transition referral form in JJIS to identify youths with specific service needs following their release from BJJ.

Once a youth has an anticipated release date, or upon a youth's release, contact the agency providing transition services.

## **AUTHORITY**

Individual's With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, 20 USC 1400 et seq.